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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Jonathan H. Metcalf et al.

Serial No.: 10/086,764

Filed: October 19, 2001

For: SYSTEM FOR VENDING PRODUCTS  
AND SERVICES USING AN  
IDENTIFICATION CARD AND  
ASSOCIATED METHODS

Group Art Unit: 2876

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 10/21/03**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2003, and is filed with a Request for Continued Examination. As this response is filed within the 3-month period for response, it is believed that no extension of time fees are due. Excess claim fees, however, may be due. This Office is authorized to deduct any necessary fees from Deposit account number 501992, referencing file 283-0003US.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.